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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action issued October 13, 2005. The Examiner set a three-month period for response. A petition and authorization for a three-month extension of time are attached making this Reply due on or before April 13, 2006.

Amendments to the Specification appear on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks appear on Page 3 of this paper.